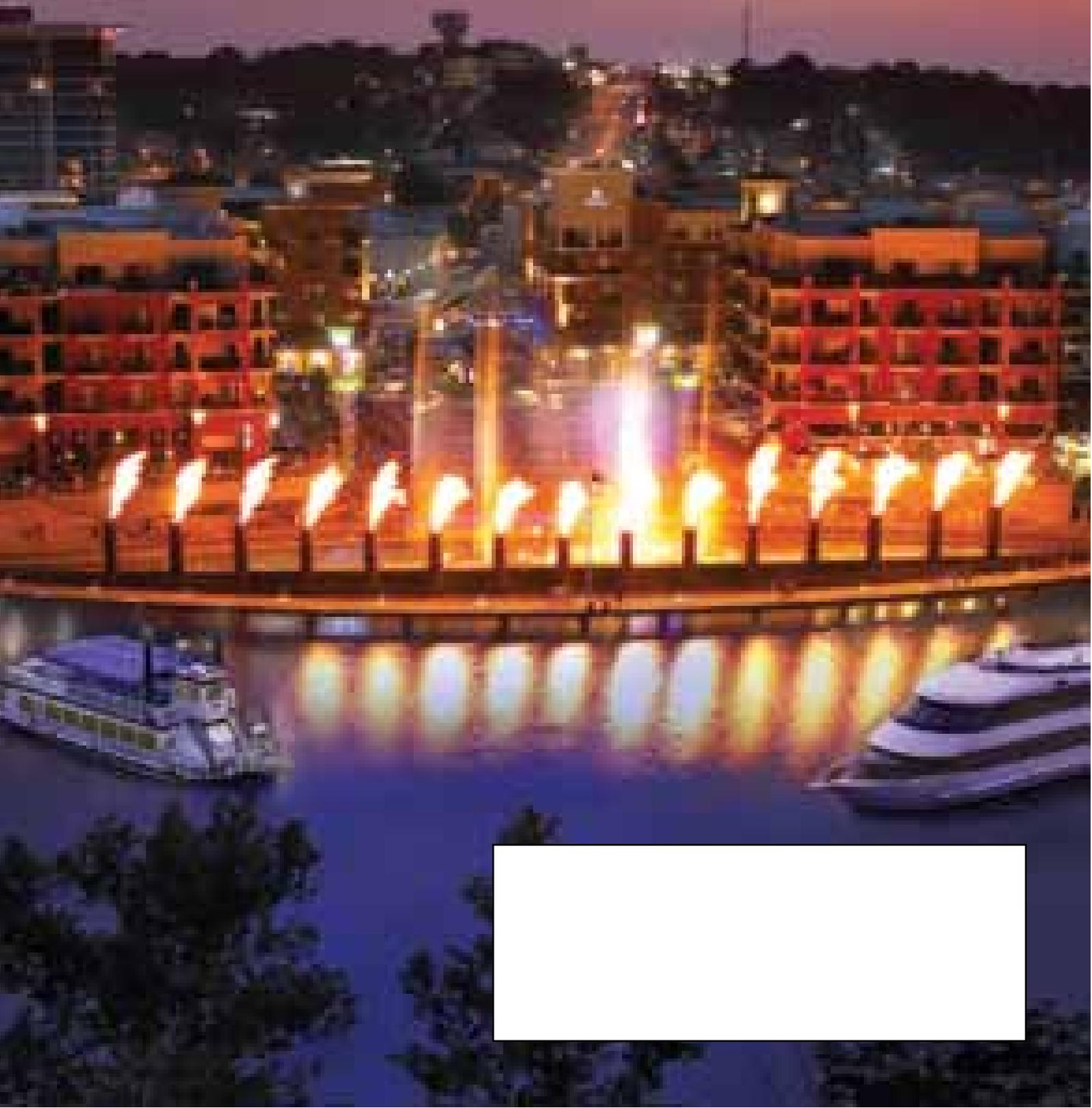




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Let's Plant Some Ruritan Joy This Winter



My fellow Ruritans, among the joys of winter are the many gatherings we look forward to with family and Ruritan friends. No matter what holidays we celebrate, reuniting with one another and sharing familiar stories, songs, and treats gives us warm fuzzy feelings and a sense of peace,

knowing that we have a place of belonging in this world where we are welcomed and appreciated. I recently read an article where the writer said instead of visiting on the store porch or greeting neighbors on the front porch, some people are alone in front of the TV watching reality shows or family comedies in an attempt to “connect” with other human beings. Those of us who are fortunate enough to have been asked to join Ruritan and have accepted the offer, rarely find ourselves without an abundance of opportunities for human connection!

In addition to sharing time with each other, another joy of winter is the sharing of light. We decorate our homes with candles in the windows, decorate Christmas trees with colorful lights, light menorahs to celebrate the Festival of Light, drive through outdoor light displays, and shop in beautifully decorated malls. I enjoy seeing the many lights of winter.

Ten years ago at the 2003 National Convention as a candidate for national director, I handed out match books that said “Together We Grow” on the outside and opened up to reveal “Light the Way for Ruritan” on the other. Last year as a candidate for Ruritan vice president, I handed out buttons that said “Let’s Get Excited” and others that read “Go Hog Wild”. At this Summer’s Leadership Conference, each participant received a seed package that said “Plant Seeds for Ruritan Growth.” Nothing grows without adequate light.

Let’s plant some Ruritan joy this winter by sharing Ruritan fun with people who might be lonely or shut in, who might be new to the community, or who might be without family in the area. Invite someone to come to your club’s winter festivities and offer them a ride with you. Let them share in a meal and the

conversations around them. Look up someone who has resigned from your club and invite them for old times’ sake. Invite someone to get together with you to help at a Ruritan event with your mindset being sharing something you enjoy with them. Give the gift of Ruritan involvement!

You might even invite someone to join you in attending our national convention in January. From all over Ruritanland, delegates and others will convene in Branson, Missouri, to attend two business sessions, elect officers for 2014, and reconnect with fellow Ruritans. For our host district, Middle America, the location is a short trip down the road, while for others it might be the trip of a lifetime. As usual, the opening ceremony will include a memorial service where we will honor many Ruritans including that of 2013 National President, the late Dennie Clemmer, who always reminded us that he was “just a Ruritan.”

Dennie worked hard to plan the Branson convention so that it would be a time of fun and enjoyment too. To his credit, the convention planning had essentially been completed prior to his death. He, Betty Jo, his convention chair Jerry Ellis, and the National Office staff had all the groundwork completed. The individuals Dennie had asked to perform the memorial service and the flag ceremony had their programs planned. What better way to celebrate a life devoted to Ruritan ideals than to attend this year’s convention!

Actually, we will be celebrating two lives devoted to Ruritan. For many years before becoming a first lady of Ruritan, Betty Jo had been active in Ruritan by serving on all levels, including appointment as a “non board member” to committees of the National Board. In Branson she will be honored at her Denim and Rhinestone Breakfast. I hope all convention attendees will sign up for this breakfast to honor Betty Jo.

Sandra and I wish you, our Ruritan family, a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year. Remember, Ruritan is just like Christmas in one way: it’s all about giving. We also wish you safe travels to our convention in Branson, Missouri.

Thanks for being a Ruritan!

Have an exciting Ruritan day!!!



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Are You Flying Into Branson?

For those flying into the smaller Branson Airport (BKG), host district representative and former national director Ed Henderson has volunteered to coordinate your airport pick-up and delivery back to the airport on Sunday. Please call him directly at 620-228-2505 and make sure you have your flight number, arrival time and date, departing flight number, and departure time and date.

If you are flying into the Springfield-Branson National Airport (SFG) – plan on a 50 mile drive to the Branson Hilton Convention Center. You may rent a vehicle or you may organize your own taxi trip. All Around Cab Co. (417) 536- 3333 offers a four-passenger car or a six-passenger mini-van for \$95 to Branson. Of course that cost can be divided between the passengers for \$16 to \$24 per person plus tip.

For a larger group, Springfield Shuttle Service will charge \$125 (each way) for a van that comfortably holds 10 passengers and their luggage. With a full shuttle, this would be only \$12.50 per person plus tip for the 50 mile trip.

Ruritan staff will be happy to assist you in organizing a group of attendees for a shuttle trip, provided we are given enough information in advance. Please call us at 877-787-8727 with your arrival and departure times and dates. There is no guarantee about these shuttles – much will depend upon the number of Ruritans flying into Springfield on a given day. With a good flow of flying Ruritan attendees – there could be shuttles on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from the airport to Branson as well as several shuttles on Sunday returning to the airport.

On The Cover: Branson Landing, adjacent to the Ruritan 2014 Convention hotels in Branson, MO, is a vibrant town square terracing down to the \$7.5 million spectacular water attraction that features the first-ever merging of water, fire, light, and music. You will be amazed by the dazzling interplay of water fountains shooting 120-foot geysers and fire cannons blasting, all choreographed to light and music.

Message from Executive Director Michael Chrisley

“Just a Ruritan”



Most of you have probably already heard of the untimely passing of our 2013 National President, Dennie Clemmer. This is the first time in the history of the organization that a President has passed away in office. We have all been saddened by his death. Dennie led the organization from the position that he was “just

a Ruritan.” As National Presidents head down the home stretch of their year I always remind them that when their term is done, they get to go back to being the most important thing in Ruritan...a good member of their home club. Dennie understood the value of good Ruritan members in the local clubs. He understood our value to the community that we serve. He understood that without good Ruritans on the local level, none of us would be necessary. We will miss Dennie and his servant leadership.

Dennie would have been the first one to tell you that the show must go on. What we do is so important that we cannot afford to stand still for even one minute. Thankfully, our bylaws provides for the immediate succession of the Vice President to fill the unexpired term of any President who vacates the office for any reason. This allowed for your Vice President to immediately become the President of Ruritan. No one had to take any action apart from the framers

of the bylaws decades ago. Ruritan was not without leadership for any period of time.

Elliott has stepped into the position and stepped up to bat for the organization in an admirable way. He is providing leadership, while at the same time mourning the passing of his good friend. Elliott would have been more than happy to have the opportunity to become President of Ruritan National in the traditional way. I assure you that he would have preferred it that way. He has taken the post in service to Ruritan in a very unfortunate situation and has been an advocate for what he knew Dennie would have wanted since day one.

He has also taken a lead role in the final plans for convention. As I write this article we are only eleven short weeks away from Branson. Please make plans to join us in Branson for Ruritans convention. Convention is a time when we can see old friends, take care of the business of Ruritan, and learn something in the process.

Branson has great hotels and hospitality. We have arranged for you to see the Clay Cooper show as part of your registration fee. Other shows are also open while we are in town and many are offering group discounts. There are a number of good restaurants on the strip and we know you will enjoy The Landing with all its shopping and restaurants.

We have a great plan and a great site for convention.

Come and be a part.

New Clubs for 2013

New Ruritan Clubs, Sponsors, & DRMS*

(January 1, 2013 -- November 1, 2013)

New Club	District	Sponsoring Club	DRM
Bristow Run Elementary Rudy Youth Ruri-Teen	Rappahannock	Gainesville	Ken Hinkle and Tracy Walker
Patriot High School Ruri-Teen	Rappahannock	Nokesville/Bristow	Catherine Melusen Kayla Fyock
Romney	Upper WVA	Augusta	Joe Pancione
Headsville Countryside	Upper WVA	Upper WVA District	R. Eugene Tasker
Deep Creek High School Ruri-Teen	Holland	Deep Creek	Nikki Keegan Donna Silberholz
C H S	Cherokee	North Lee	Joyce Johnson

*DRM stands for Distinguished Ruritan Member, who is the person most responsible for organizing the new club.

Ruritan National President Dennis Clemmer Passes

For the first time in the organization's 85 year history, Ruritan National is facing the death of a sitting national president. 2013 National President Dennis Clemmer passed away Sunday, September 29 at the University of Virginia Medical Center with his family and close friends by his side. Clemmer was a self-employed farmer and beef producer.



2013 Vice President Elliott Hogge has assumed the title and responsibility of President in accordance with our National Bylaws (Article V, Section 4) *Section 4. Vacancy in Office. In the event of a vacancy in the office of president, the vice president shall immediately succeed to the office of president for the unexpired term.*

While no sitting national president has died in office, twice before in Ruritan's history a sitting vice president has died during his term. At the unexpected death of 1968 Vice President Wendell Simmons, in December just before the national convention, candidate Kelly Chapman was elected directly to the presidency of Ruritan for 1969.

And, according to The Ruritan Saga, in 1945, L. T. Hall was elected directly to the presidency from the office of secretary when the sitting vice president John Jenkins, Jr. felt his responsibilities during World War II would keep him from serving as president. Jenkins served as vice president in both 1944 and 1945 but never rose to the presidency.

Hogge, of Hayes, VA, is a member of the Abingdon (VA) club and has served on many levels of the Chesapeake District including District Governor. He was the 2012 President of the Association of Virginia Ruritans. He was a Ruritan National Director from 2003 to 2005 and was elected Vice President in Covington, KY, in January 2013. Hogge served at the Naval Weapons Station from 1966 to 2005. During this time he was awarded the Navy Superior Civilian Medal for Valor. From 1968 to 1970 he served in the U.S. Army in Viet Nam and was awarded Bronze Star Medal.

President Dennie's obituary states: *Dennis Edward Clemmer, 66, husband of Betty Jo Clemmer, of McKinley, died Sunday, September 29, 2013, in the University of Virginia Medical Center, Charlottesville. He was born May 30, 1947, in Augusta County, a son of the late James Lloyd and Elizabeth Estaline (Patterson) Clemmer. He was a beef producer and the 2013 Ruritan National President.*

In addition to his wife, he is survived by Joanna Clemmer Nichols and husband, Garrett, and their son, Alex, Beth Dilley of Stuarts Draft, Tabitha Balsler of Newport; brothers, J. L. Clemmer of Lexington, Donnie Clemmer of McKinley, and Larry Clemmer and wife, Pam, of McKinley. He is also survived by nephews, Richard, Bobby, Tim, and Philip Clemmer; a niece, Mindy Blankenship; and numerous great nieces and nephews.

A funeral service was conducted 2 p.m. Thursday, October 3, 2013 in Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church, 334 Mt. Tabor Road, Staunton, 24401 by Pastor Rick Dellinger. Burial followed at Mt. Hermon Cemetery. Active pallbearers were Elliott Hogge, James Mills, Jr., Corky Camin, Michael Chrisley, Jerry Ellis, Calvin Shelton, Joe Pancione, and Mike Morrison. Honorary pallbearers were Ruritan National Board Members attending the service. Memorials may be made to Ruritan National Rudy Bear Program, P.O. Box 487, Dublin, VA 24084, Ruritan Foundation, or Middlebrook Ruritan Club Scholarship Fund.

Betty Jo, Joanna, Garrett, and Alex would like to thank everyone for all the acts of kindness shown during the death of their husband, father, and grandfather. Words cannot adequately express our gratitude for all the cards, emails, Facebook posts, prayers, and attendance at the funeral home visitation, and/or funeral service. Your heartfelt support and thoughtfulness have touched us in so many ways.

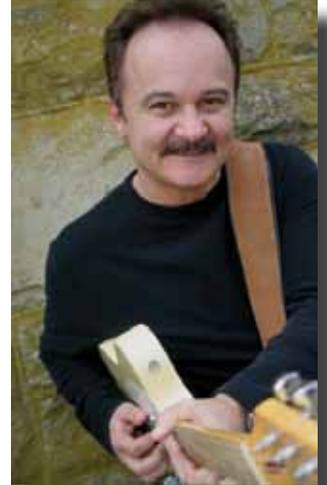
The Clemmer Family

Jimmy Fortune To Highlight Banquet

At the Saturday night banquet, included in all registration packages, Ruritans will be delighted by a performance by Jimmy Fortune to round out their Branson Convention. Fortune toured, sang, and performed with the legendary Statler Brothers for 21 years. He joined them first as a temporary replacement for Lew DeWitt, after DeWitt heard him singing at a ski resort and recommended him. Due to the debilitating effects of Crohn's Disease, Lew was unable to return to the stage with the Statlers, and Fortune was hired as a permanent replacement in August of 1982.

Fortune quickly lived up to his name. He wrote the group's second No. 1 hit, "Elizabeth," on their 1983 album *Today*, and followed that with two more No. 1 hits--"My Only Love" (from 1984's *Atlanta Blue*) and "Too Much On My Heart" (from 1985's *Pardners in Rhyme*). Fortune also wrote the top-10 hit "Forever" from 1986's *Four for the Show* and co-wrote the top-10 hit "More Than a Name on the Wall" from 1988's *The Greatest Hits*.

Fortune has performed in all of the U.S. States, in Canadian Provinces, and in front of audiences as large as 100,000. He was part of the Statlers' annual Happy Birthday USA celebration in Staunton, Virginia, for 14 years. He also sang on many of the Statlers' gold, platinum, and double platinum recordings. Fortune's career included *The Nashville Network's* popular "The Statler Brothers Show" which aired for seven seasons and debuted in 1991 as the highest rated show for the network. Fortune and the Statler Brothers were inducted into the GMA (Gospel Music Association) Hall of Fame on October 29, 2007, and inducted into the CMA (Country Music Association) Hall of Fame in June 29, 2008. After the Statler Brothers retired on October 26, 2002, Fortune seized the opportunity to launch a solo career to share new music with his fans. His first solo CD, "When One Door Closes" was released August 2003 on Audium/Koch. He released a gospel album, "I Believe," in June 2005; a Christmas CD, "Feels Like Christmas," in 2006; a live concert DVD in 2007; a country CD, "Windows," in 2009; and "Lessons" in 2012. Fortune lives in Nashville and is writing and touring.



Rick Dellinger Shares Spiritual and Musical Message in Branson

Ruritan Rick Dellinger has been entertaining his fellow members at rallies, anniversaries, fairs, memorial services, and in countless other venues for many years. In Branson in January he will put his musical gifts and his spiritual talents to use on several stages. Beginning with the memorial service at the opening ceremonies and ending with the the worship service on Sunday morning, Rick will be an integral part of the 2014 Convention. He will be sharing songs during the Veterans Breakfast, Betty Jo's Denim and Rhinestone Breakfast, and the DRM Luncheon where Rudy's 25th anniversary will be celebrated. Join us in Branson - don't miss Rick's uplifting message and songs!



Betty Jo's Denim & Rhinestone Breakfast Features Blended Voices Vocal Group

Blended Voices, a trio who hails from Louisville, Ohio, have been together for over 20 years. They are proud to present music of all kinds to any group who is willing to listen. Pat Fallot, the alto, is a member of the **Washington** (OH) Ruritan Club. Second soprano Debi Gulling, who just joined the trio, is a realtor in the Louisville area. Singing soprano, Joyce Hudnell, is also a member of the **Washington** (OH) Ruritan Club. Join them at the breakfast and learn more about these three lovely ladies!



2014 Ruritan National Convention - Branson

(January 23 - 25, 2014)

One form per attendee - please duplicate as needed.

Please print or type and include member # if you are a Ruritan.
(Member # appears on every RURITAN magazine mailing label.)

Club and District listed below will appear on your name tag.

Attendee: _____ Member #: _____

Club: _____ District: _____

Home Address: _____

E-mail Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Preferred Badge Name: _____

Daytime phone: _____

I need vegetarian meal(s) for these in my party. # _____

Send information on wheelchair/scooter rental.

I need handicapped accessible seating at meals.

I have 50 years or more perfect attendance. # years _____

This is my first Ruritan National Convention.

GUESTS: As a registered attendee you may bring non-registered guests to meal functions and optional events. Pay under 'Extra Tickets' on reverse. They will only be allowed in events they've paid for and they will not have a packet or a name badge. Their tickets will be in your packet.

Registration Details

- Thursday evening Ruritan opening ceremonies
- Workshops on Thursday and Saturday afternoons
- Business sessions on both Friday and Saturday mornings
- An evening at the Clay Cooper Theater - Friday night - included in both packages
- **Friday DRM luncheon not included in any package - must be purchased separately**
 - Saturday Installation Banquet (included on full package option)
 - Optional Meals include: Friday morning Veterans Breakfast, Friday DRM Luncheon, Thursday evening Foundation Dinner, and Saturday morning Denim and Rhinestones Breakfast honoring First Lady Betty Jo Clemmer (See reverse for prices and registration options.)

For Office Use Only:

Registration # _____

Group # _____

Appropriate registration package must be purchased in order to attend convention activities including workshops and business sessions. A registered convention attendee may purchase optional meals as well as extra meals for his/her non-registered guests (see reverse). After December 23, 2013, you may only register in person at the convention site.

See reverse to choose your options

MEALS IN BRANSON, MO

While there is not a late fee for registrations to the National Convention this year, there is a deadline with the Branson Convention Center caterer for meal count guarantees. With that in mind – anyone waiting to register on-site in Branson (as a walk-in) for the events will not be guaranteed a meal. We **will** be able to register you for all non-meal events at the base rate of \$145. Plan to send your registration to the Ruritan National Office before the December 23, 2013, cut-off date for advance registration.

How Will You Pay?

Ruritan National, P.O. Box 487, Dublin, VA 24084

NOTE: Aside from some limited special seating, everyone will be seated for meals on a "first come, first served" basis. If you want to be seated with specific attendees, you should send your registration forms in **together**.

Payment made by check Check # _____

Visa/Mastercard Card # _____

Expiration date _____

Check one option below

Bill my credit card now

Bill my credit card December 1, 2013

What Events Will You Attend At The 2014 Convention?

Option 1: One meal package # ____ @ \$215 =+ \$ _____

Includes: Thursday Ruritan Opening Ceremonies, Friday evening at Clay Cooper Theater, workshops, election, two business sessions, exhibits, and Saturday Installation Banquet. **DOES NOT INCLUDE Friday DRM Luncheon, Foundation Dinner, Veterans Breakfast, or Denim and Rhinestones Breakfast Honoring First Lady Betty Jo.**

Option 2 - Base fee - no meals # ____ @ \$145 =+ \$ _____

Includes: Thursday Ruritan Opening Ceremonies, Friday evening at Clay Cooper Theater, workshops, election, exhibits, and two business sessions. **NO MEALS**

Sub Total Basic Registrations \$ _____

Extra Tickets and Optional Convention Events: Any fully registered attendee may purchase these items. These tickets will secure entrance to these events ONLY and will be in the host's packet.

Friday DRM Luncheon (not included in any package - purchase here) # ____ @ \$50 =+ \$ _____

Friday Veterans Breakfast (not included in any package - purchase here) # ____ @ \$45 =+ \$ _____

Foundation Awards Dinner (not included in any package - purchase here) # ____ @ \$60 =+ \$ _____

Denim and Rhinestones Breakfast Honoring First Lady Betty Jo Clemmer (not included in any package - purchase here) # ____ @ \$40 =+ \$ _____

EXTRA Installation Banquet (1 included in **one meal package**) # ____ @ \$80 =+ \$ _____

EXTRA Clay Cooper Show (1 seat included in all packages) # ____ @ \$35 =+ \$ _____

Sub Total Extra Tickets: \$ _____

Optional events and gifts -

Large Rudy Bears - to be added to Ruritan gift to local charities # ____ @ \$8.25 =+ \$ _____

Small Rudy Bears - to be added to Ruritan gift to local charities # ____ @ \$5.25 =+ \$ _____

Sub Total Other \$ _____

GRAND TOTAL \$ _____

Thursday, January 23, 2014

Workshops
Foundation Awards Dinner (optional meal in the late afternoon)
Opening Ceremonies 7 p.m.

Friday, January 24, 2014

Veterans Breakfast (optional meal)
Morning Business Session
DRM Luncheon – optional meal
NOTE: Delegate Certification closes at 2 p.m.
Voting – 3 to 5:30 p.m.
Private Show at Clay Cooper Theatre – included in all registration packages

Saturday, January 25, 2014

Breakfast Honoring First Lady Betty Jo (optional meal)
Morning Business Session with Awards
Foundation Live Auction
Workshops
Installation Banquet (included in full package)

Sunday, January 26, 2014

Worship Service

Participants will be notified individually about Governors' Training, Breakfast for Outgoing National Officers and Governors, and other special meetings. Hospitality suites will be open Thursday - Saturday evenings.

We will be honoring Ruritan military veterans with name badge ribbons and during the optional Friday Veterans Breakfast. Please let us know your branch and era of service.

Name: _____ (Check both branch and era of service)

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ERA OF SERVICE

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<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Air Force	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Coast Guard	<input type="checkbox"/> Korea	<input type="checkbox"/> Operation Iraqi Freedom
<input type="checkbox"/> U. S. Marines	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (explain)	<input type="checkbox"/> Vietnam	<input type="checkbox"/> Peace Time Service
_____		Other: _____	

Candidates Announce For National Office

Candidates for National Office on November 1

As of November 1, Ruritan National had the following candidates for national office. **National President**, Elliott Hogge; **National Vice President**, Robert "Bobby" Burton, Robert B. Newton; **National Director**, Terry R. Call, Joe H. Hommel, Michael W. Morrison, Michael E. (Mike) Myers.

Only candidates declaring between July 1 and November 1 are featured in this issue.



National Director

Sarah J. Kelly
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CLUB: Joined Stonewall District (VA) in 2005; Club Secretary 2006; President 2007 and 2009; Nominations Committee 2007-2009; Club Newsletter 2007-2013; Vice President 2008; Past

President 2010; Director 2011-2013 and Pearl Award recipient.

DISTRICT: Rappahannock District Ruritan of the Year; District Leadership Development Coordinator (DLDC) 2008; Lt. Governor 2009; District Governor 2010; Past District Governor 2011; District Secretary 2012-2013.

NATIONAL: Sergeant of Arms Committee 2010-2011; Resolution Committee Chair 2012; Candidate Certification Committee Chair 2013; Tom Downing Fellow.

EDUCATION: BA in Music Performance with Business Emphasis from University of Lincoln, NE

OCCUPATION: Market Leader for BB&T in Middletown, Virginia

OTHER: Member of Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church in Winchester, Virginia and currently serving on the building committee. Married to Brian.



National Director

Frances Long
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CLUB: Joined Nixonton (NC) in 2003; Vice-President 2 years; President 2 years, Public Relations; Programs and Entertainment.

DISTRICT: Albemarle District Lt. Zone Governor; Zone Governor; Lt. District Governor-visitation to all 25 Clubs; and District Governor-visitation to all 25 Clubs

NATIONAL: Given Governor's Reports to National Office and one to National President from Governor's District

EDUCATION: Graduated from Central High School-Pasquotank County; Elizabeth City College of the Albemarle and different classes offered posted

OCCUPATION: Albemarle Hospital-worked with Operating

Room. Kept book for Cox's Mattress Company. Cashier A&P Co.

OTHER: Member of Church of Christ for 45 years at least. Taught Sunday School, taught Bible studies, in charge of Benevolent Committee. Married to Ronnie for 28 years, have a daughter; a son, and three grandchildren. President Community Watch groups; member of City's Storm water Unit; member of Police Chief's Taskforce; City Mayor's Election Committee, etc.



Foundation Trustee

Jayson Duncan
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CLUB: Joined Pine Hall (NC) in 1975, 37 years perfect attendance; President 5 times and currently secretary and treasurer; Ruritan of the Year, club, 3 times; Advisor, South Stokes

High Ruri-Teen, Pine Hall Elem. Ruri-Teen, and Germanton Elem. Ruri-Teen Clubs; member Germanton and Wentworth Ruritan Clubs and Associate of the City of Angels Ruritan Club

DISTRICT: Zone Governor, 9 years; District Governor, Piedmont '00,'04; Growth and Development Chair; Budget and Finance; Youth Committee and ANCR Board member

NATIONAL: Organized 6 clubs: 3 Adult and 3 Ruri-Teen; Tom Downing Fellow; Jack Gwaltney Award; Ruritan Forever; National Board 2005-2008 Advancement Committee; National Vice-President 2010 and National President 2011

EDUCATION: Eagle Scout; Appalachian State University, B.S. Health and Physical Education; North Carolina A & T State University Masters in Administration, and Masters in Intermediate Education

OCCUPATION: Teacher, Pine Hall Elementary School, 33 years, 4th-8th grades; retired; Stokes County Teacher of the Year, '90 and '95; Past President and Treasurer (5 years) of the NC Science Teachers Association and Past President of the Stokes County Association of Educators

OTHER: Member of Bethesda United Methodist Church; Youth/

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Adult Sunday School teacher/Trustee Chair; Lay Speaker; Stokes County Habitat Board (6 years) and Chairman; Past Chair of the Host Town, Special Olympics World Games; Pine Hall Boy Scout/Cub Scout Committee; Coach youth: basketball, soccer, softball, baseball and high school volleyball (18 years) and East Stokes Outreach Ministry Board Chairperson. Wife – Gail, 39 years; Daughter – Kara; Son – Jay (Emily); and Granddaughters – Cori, Hannah, and Elizabeth



Foundation Trustee

Echols "Phil" Jeffries
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churchlane1@suddenlink.net

CLUB: Joined Sun Valley (WV) and Charter President in 1974 (Lower West Virginia District); held several offices and chaired many committees since 1974 in this club and Outstanding Club

President several times

DISTRICT: Zone Governor 1992-94; Growth and Development Award 1994; District Ruritan of the Year 1994; District Lt. Governor 1995 and 2004; District Governor 1996, 2005; Growth and Development Chair 8 years; Certified in Officer Training; Leadership and Development Chair 2011-12; Foundation Chair 2013 and District Officer for 23 years

NATIONAL: Conducted Growth and Development Workshops at National Convention 1994-97; Mensel Dean Award in 1994 (46 members); Mensel Dean Award in 1995 (25 members); DRM Award for 4 new clubs 1996; Foundation Trustee 1999-2003; Conducted Foundation Workshops at National Convention and Summer Leadership Conference 2000-03; National Director 2006-08; and 2013 received Navy Blue Ruritan DRM Blazer for organizing a total of 6 new clubs in a life time; Ruritan Forever and Tom Downing Fellow

EDUCATION: Graduate Montgomery High School, Montgomery, WV; Graduate Concord University 1958, Athens, WV; Graduate West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV; Safety Certification, Marshall University, Huntington, WV; Administrative Certification 7-12 Grades, West Virginia College of Graduate Studies, Institute, WV

OCCUPATION: Retired School teacher and coach, school principal and county school superintendent; Vocational School Director, Mercer County Schools, Princeton, WV

OTHER: Member Painter's Chapel United Methodist Church, member Fairview Christian Fellowship Church; Past Chairperson for Pastor Parish Relationship Committee; Past Chairperson for the Painter's Building Committee, member Concord Lodge # 48 Ancient and Free Accepted Masons; member of Grand Chapter of West Virginia Scottish Rite of Free Masonry, 32nd Degree; Member of Bluefield Commandary of the Knights of Templar; and Coached youth sports for several years. Married to Nell and have three daughters: Phoebe, Beverly and Angela. Also

have two grandchildren: Jed and Afton. Foundation Affiliation: Hold, with wife Nell, a "Friends" Scholarship (Amount required \$10,000); Basic Education Fund \$1,000; 21st Century Fund \$2,100, paid up member of the Million Dollar Club; Credited for getting the first college (Concord) in the partnership program

Biographies were printed as submitted by candidates

Former Green Beret Medic to Speak at Veterans Event



The Ruritan Veterans Breakfast, an optional meal at the 2014 Ruritan National Convention in Branson, will feature guest speaker Dr. Robert Marsh.

Marsh, who has been a long-time friend of late President Dennie and First Lady Betty Jo, survived Somalia and Gulf War to become a physician committed to his rural patients in Middlebrook, VA.

Marsh, a medic with the Green Berets was with the Army Rangers and Delta Force operatives who were pinned down during a night of pitched combat in Mogadishu, Somalia in October 1993, an incident that Hollywood would come to know as "Black Hawk Down."

A 2002 article in The Washington Post written by Carol Morello notes, "The casualties arrived at the airport base in waves. First a handful, then by the dozens--some 60 serious casualties in all. Marsh and two other physicians worked through the night and into the next day. For Marsh, the worst was

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2014 National Convention Ballot Issues

The following issues will be on the ballot for the delegates to vote on at the 2014 National Convention in Branson, MO.

- 1. ARTICLE V – Officers -Section 1 currently reads:** “The elected officers of Ruritan National shall be a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and 21 National Directors. Once elected the officers must remain active members of Ruritan National. ”**Amend ARTICLE V – Officers -Section 1. Elected Officers to read:** “The elected officers of Ruritan National shall be a President, a President-Elect, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and 21 National Directors. Once elected the officers must remain active members of Ruritan National.” Yes___ No___
- 2. Add to the Bylaws, under Section 1. of Article XII - Discipline of Clubs/Members, subsection G.** which will read as follows: “Any club which shall be as much as nine (9) months in arrears in the payment of national dues may be temporarily suspended pending action by the National Board of Directors. Any club so suspended shall not be entitled to send delegates to or participate in any district or National Conventions, nor receive literature or other benefits from Ruritan National, and shall remain on such suspended list until restored to active status by payment of its dues. Any club in arrears of national dues as much as 15 months shall forfeit its charter upon action of the National Board of Directors.” Yes___ No___

Items of Interest

Past National Director Paris Hume Passes

Past Ruritan National Director Bert Paris Hume, Jr., 82, of Lewisburg, passed away Monday, October 21, 2013 at the Brier Rehabilitation and Nursing Center in Ronceverte. Born July 10, 1931 at Friars Hill, WV, he was a son of the late Bert Paris Hume, Sr. and the late Mary Brown Burr Hume.

Paris was a member of McMillion United Methodist Church at Friars Hill and also attended Calvary United Methodist Church where he was a lay leader. He was a member of Lewisburg Lions Club, and was a member of Richlands Ruritan Club. He also served as Lower WV District Governor.

He was also an Administrator and Teacher serving in various capacities in Greenbrier County Schools for over 35 years. He received his Masters from WVU and a Bachelor's Degree from Concord College. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a daughter, Sandra Kay Hume. He is survived by his wife, Irma Lee Groves Hume, daughters, Nancy Hodges (Freddie) of Ronceverte and Tina Lester (Eddie) of Cool Ridge, sons James M. Hume (Pam) of Lewisburg and Billy Hume (Melinda) of Covington, VA, grandchildren, Andrew Lester, Garrett Lester, Jessica Snead, Jacklyn Weist, Ashley Morris, Kristen Murphy, and Shannon Cornell, great grandchildren Tyler Cales and Chloe Cales. He is also survived by a sister-in-law Audria Boone of Crichton and nephews, Dwaine and Wayne Boone, a niece Carol Ann Boone, and numerous cousins.

Funeral services were held Saturday, October 26, 2013 at Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in Lewisburg, with Rev. Bryan C. Baker and Rev. Robert Hefner, Jr. officiating. Burial will follow at Wallace Memorial Cemetery in Clintonville. The family requests donations be made to McMillion United Methodist Church Cemetery Fund, c/o Cassandra Perkins, HC 68 Box 63, Renick, WV, 24966 or to The Brier Nursing Home Resident's Fund, 601 Rocky Hill Road, Ronceverte, WV, 24970.

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yet to come. Two days later, he was standing on the tarmac with other officers when a mortar hit. The man next to him was killed. Twelve soldiers were wounded, including Marsh. Here is what he remembers before losing consciousness: “A flash. Noise. I remember feeling pain.” Shrapnel shredded his abdomen. A shard pierced an artery in his leg. Yet even as he lay bleeding, he ordered soldiers to carry the injured to his side so he could perform triage. “They were my people. I wanted to know who was hit.”

The Veterans event, on Friday morning in Branson, will also feature a color guard from the nearby College of the Ozarks high school ROTC program.

Flat Rudy Contest Winners



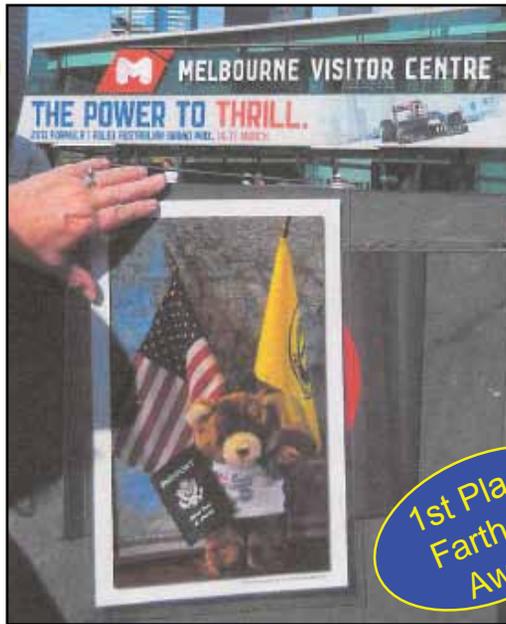
1st Place Classroom Education

Linda Bradshaw of the **Jefferson (VA) Ruritan Club** submitted the picture above of Marcy Akers and Jacqueline St. Clair, the club's scholarship award winners.



1st Place Patriotic

Rockingham Lt. Governor Susan Greisz went to Arlington National Cemetery on Memorial Day to visit her brother's grave. She took first place in the Patriotic category.



1st Place Farthest Away

Jack York of the **Smithfield (VA) Ruritan Club** traveled to Melbourne, Australia. He won first place in the Farthest Away category.



1st Place Vacation

Burrowsville (VA) Ruritan Club's youth member Brayden Gormley took Flat Rudy to the Mall of America.

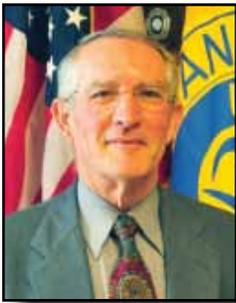


1st Place Community Service

Coleraine (OH) Ruritan Club members are pictured preparing prizes and goody bags for children involved in the Easter egg hunt.

Message From 2013 Foundation President Norman O'Dell

Support the Foundation Auctions in Branson



September 13-15 brought to a close more than a year of planning for the 2013 Foundation Fellowship Weekend. It started with contacting Marriott at Meadowview Convention Center as a possible site, with Mike Chrisley helping negotiate a contract and Jim LaFollette planning the Friday night meal and the golf tournament. There were 95 fully



registered attendees with 109 attending the Saturday night banquet at the Meadowview facility. I cannot recall a time when a Ruritan event has occurred which gave members an opportunity to use a facility prior to a National Ruritan Convention being held there. Now

there are 109 ambassadors to promote this facility that is scheduled for the 2017 Ruritan National Convention. The one big advantage is that everything is under one roof and no one will be outside unless it is by choice.



Wadlow Gap (VA) Ruritan Club member Kathy Babb is shown giving a donation on behalf of the club.

There were many highlights of the weekend. Millard and Marty Thacker were celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. Paul and Kathy Babb, representing the Wadlow Gap Ruritan Club, brought 11 club members to the Saturday night banquet, provided 31



Potomac District Foundation Chair J.J. Bernard Lerch III is shown giving a donation to the Foundation.

free tickets to the Aquatic Center across the street from Meadowview, and gave a generous donation to the Foundation. The Potomac District, its clubs and members, also gave a generous donation to the Foundation. Max and Vivian Gibson received their \$\$\$Million Dollar\$\$\$ Club pins for contributing \$182.50 each to this program.

As in 2012 and again in 2013, there were no requests for Operation We Care Funds. As of September 30, 2013, OWC has a balance of \$80,235.44.

The \$\$\$Million Dollar Club\$\$\$ is in its fourth of five years with total contributions over \$60,000. If every

Ruritan would contribute 10 cents per day, \$36.50 per year, the Foundation would receive approximately one million dollars each year – thus the name, \$\$\$Million Dollar Club\$\$\$.



Pictured are the cornhole tournament winners (l-r) Foundation President Norman O'Dell, 3rd place winner Danny Privott, 2nd place winner Vicki Mills, 1st place winner James Mills, and Tournament Coordinator Greg Goode.

Ruritan National signed a two-year agreement to partner with Klem, Gentry, and Torbitt to promote Planned Giving to the Ruritan National Foundation. Calvin Klem and Charles Gentry from Ameriprise Financial attended our National Convention in Covington, Kentucky, last year and many of you met them at their booth. Calvin will have a booth at the 2014 Ruritan National Convention in Branson, Missouri, and will also conduct a workshop on Planned Giving on January 25th from 1- 2 p.m.

The silent auction will begin at 9 a.m. on January 23rd and will close at 11 a.m. on January 24th to process the bid sheets and reopen the auction site for payment and

Ruritan National Foundation News Continued

pickup of auction items. The live auction will begin at 2 p.m. on the 25th and continue until all items have been offered for bidding. One concern of the Foundation is how donated items for the silent and live auctions will get to Branson, Missouri. If you are flying, riding a bus, or a crowded vehicle and need an alternate way for your items to arrive in Branson, think of sending them to the National Office to be loaded on the truck that will transport supplies to Branson. If you purchase an item at Branson, it could return on the truck to Dublin for your pick up or be shipped to your address at your expense.



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Ruritan National has asked Ameriprise Financial to provide educational resources to Ruritan members. Contact them at the number below to request additional information or to schedule a presentation for your local club.

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News From Ruritan: Peaks of Otter District

Clifford Sells Sorghum Syrup



Blessed with beautiful weather, **Clifford** (VA) Ruritan Club's 2013 Sorghum Festival highlighted the traditional harvest and making of sorghum molasses and raised over \$10,000. Festival-goers were fascinated by the sorghum-stripping and helped stir the sorghum syrup as it was "cooked." Recipes using sorghum for cookies and breads were shared and guests were urged to use the syrup on biscuits and pancakes. Attendees also enjoyed a traditional "cake walk" and diverse musical and dance acts. Club President Dawn Gatewood thanked supporters and volunteers, saying, "It was great fun and a tremendous success. We so appreciate the support of the community." Proceeds will fund scholarships and community organizations, including the Amherst County Library, Amherst County Humane Society, Hunters for the Hungry, local fire and rescue departments, Amherst County youth programs, and the local YWCA Domestic Violence Program.



Glade Hill (VA) Ruritan Club President Gary Solomon is pictured with four new members. Pictured (l-r) are Club President Gary Solomon, Dakota Smith, Judy Smith, Haley Smith, and Toby O'Neal.

Southwood Sends Gifts to Afghanistan



Southwood (NC) Ruritan Club joined with Southwood Memorial Christian Church Young at Heart Circle to send blankets and pillowcases to soldiers in Afghanistan and Germany. Sgt. Major Holly Pfakte suggested pillowcases. When the soldiers are given a pillow, pillow cases are not provided. They tend to use shirts to wrap over the pillow. Pictured are Katherine Pierce and Club President Roger Hill.



The club also helped purchase a diabetic-alert dog for Emily Dunham. The dog has the ability to monitor Emily's sugar levels and can help keep the levels regulated. Pictured are Club President Roger Hill presenting Emily with a \$2,100 check.

Eureka and Pinetown Presents Scholarships



Pinetown (NC) Ruritan Club presented scholarship checks to Sarah Jackson and Daniel Howell.

Pictured (l-r) are Sarah Jackson, Club President Myra Strickland, and Daniel Howell.



Pictured left is Amber Rose receiving a \$530 scholarship check from **Eureka** (NC) Ruritan Club. Amber will be attending East Carolina University.

Peak Creek Recognized for Litter Pick Up



Peak Creek (NC) Ruritan Club was featured in their local newspaper for 25 years of participation in the Adopt-A-Highway program. Two litter pick ups are done each year and cover a four-mile section. The club received two 25-year celebration stickers to place on the highway litter pick up signs, a plaque of appreciation, a letter of recognition, and orange safety vests with the 25-year Adopt-A-Highway insignia.

Pictured top left from (l-r) are club members Walt Skroch, Dempsey Bowlin, Tom Tucker, and Bob Myers.



Todd Holds Festival

Todd (NC) Ruritan Club held its 20th annual New River Fall Festival. This event allows the club to provide scholarships for their local students. Pictured are club members setting up for the event.

News From Ruritan: Columbia District

Sandy Run Prepares Christmas in July Baskets

Sandy Run (SC) Ruritan Club members prepared 34 Christmas in July baskets for the senior citizens and shut-ins. Each basket contained canned goods, candy, peaches, tomatoes, bananas, and a Ruritan brochure. Members participating in this project were (l-r) Howard Pees, Sandra Pees, Kay James, Elizabeth McCullar, Livia Dumont, Vivian Robinson, Peg Nelson, John Nelson, Jonney Albert, and James Robinson.



News From Ruritan: Tall Corn District

Pekin Initiates 15 Student Members



Pekin (IA) Ruritan Club initiated 15 rising high school seniors into the club. (Two were unavailable for the picture.) The club has participated in the rising senior program since 1983 and has had a total of 148 seniors as members of the club. Most of the club's donations go to scholarships to the Pekin Community School students.

News From Ruritan: Smoky Mountain District



Parrottsville (TN) Ruritan Club presents Sheriff Armando Fontes with the club's Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Award. Pictured (l-r) are Captain Derrick Woods, Armando Fontes, and Citizenship and Patriotism Committee Chair Fred Lee.

MILITARY SERVICE

U.S. Military personnel who are also Ruritans and who might be unable to attend regular meetings should not be counted as absent according to the Ruritan National Board of Directors.

If your club has a member currently serving in active duty, your club secretary should count him or her as "present" at meetings so that his or her absence doesn't penalize the member or cause the club to fall short on attendance percentages.

The Board cited the National Bylaws provision for using "four hours of community service" as the equivalent of a make-up meeting -- a substitution that members of the U.S. Military are surely qualified to use.

Bahama Organizes Bahama Day Celebration



Bahama (NC) Ruritan Club worked closely with the Bahama Day Organizing Committee in holding a 2013 Bahama Day celebration. Approximately 900 were in attendance. This family-friendly annual community event has become a fall classic celebrating this historic Durham County community. Attendees enjoyed hay rides to the venue, children activities, and an opportunity to purchase crafts and other items from nearly 40 vendors. Club members were responsible for landscaping the celebration site, decorating the venue, setting up the

two entertainment stages, arranging for waste services, transporting the participants to and from the off-site parking lots, serving as parking attendants, placing promotional signage, assisting the handicap with specialized transportation, setting up hospitality tents, promoting t-shirt sales, developing and staffing a history slide show of Bahama history, and assisting with vendor set-up.

New club member member Kristine Ferrell is shown accepting her Ruritan pin from Vice-President Doug Ferrell during her induction ceremony.

Rougemont (NC) Ruritan Club welcomed new youth



member Samantha Lynn Barts. Pictured (l-r) are her grandfather Norman Perry, Samantha Lynn Barts, and 2002 National President Millard Thacker. The club currently has 12 youth members.



Zeb Vance (NC) Ruritan Club presents dictionaries to third grade students. Pictured are club members Winston Kerley and Claude Kerley.

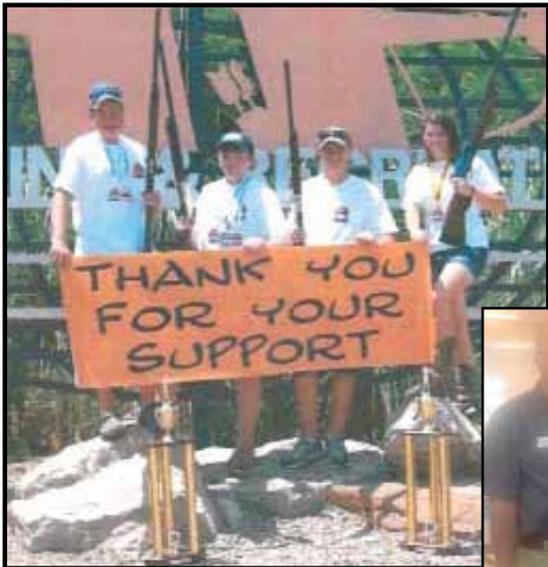
Bozoo Club Presents Goody Bags

Bozoo (WV) Ruritan Club presented goody bags to Child Protective Services. Each bag included coloring books, crayons, pencils, notebooks, puzzle books, and a Rudy Bear. Pictured (l-r) are Angie Grimmert, Joy Harry, and Club President Robert Bennett.



News From Ruritan: Appomattox District

South Hill Sponsors Freeland 4-H Shooters



South Hill (VA) Ruritan Club sponsored the Freeland 4-H Shooters as they competed against shooters in their class from around the country. The club has been affiliated with the Freeland 4-H group for several years and supported their youth shooters by sending them to the National Team Championships in Nebraska and Illinois. The club is very proud of their accomplishments as they represented 4-H, Virginia, and Ruritan during the competition. Pictured left to right are Griffin Martin, Dylan Wilmouth, Jacob Lester, and Hannah Warren.



Cartersville (VA) Ruritan Club helped serve lunch to the Cumberland County Public School employees. Pictured (l-r) are Jerrel Bales, Don Bales, Club President Fred Shumaker, Glenna Sties, Club Secretary Bruce Robinson, Club Treasurer Dover Johnston, and Stuart Andrews.



Pictured bottom left are **Chesterfield** (VA) Ruritan Club members with school supplies that were collected at the club's August meeting.

News From Ruritan: Cape Fear District

Johnsonville Donates to Fishers House



Lorie Southerland was presented with a \$100 check towards the Michael Rodriguez Scholarship Fund and a \$100 check to the Fisher House from the **Johnsonville** (NC) Ruritan Club. Spc. Michael Rodriguez, a fourth-generation soldier, was killed in the Iraq War in 2007. Michael was Lorie's beloved 20-year-old son. Lorie talked about her service with Wounded Warriors and the Fisher House, a home for servicemen and their families who are recovering.



Cedar Fork (NC) Ruritan Club honored Lila Andrews (pictured on the right) on her 99th birthday with a meal, cake, and gifts. Lila is the oldest club member. Family and friends joined together to help celebrate this great event.

Damascus Holds Antique Car Show

To commemorate 60 years of community service, the **Damascus** (OH) Ruritan Club held an Antique Car Show. Eighty vehicles were displayed. The oldest display was a 1922 Mathis automobile owned by club member Earl Mather. The entry fee consisted of donating a non-perishable food item or a cash donation to the Damascus Friends Church Food Pantry. The event brought in 170 pounds of food and \$175. Trophies were awarded to the top ten. Club members served hot ox roast beef sandwiches, potato chips, and drinks. Pictured are Walt Lautzenheiser with 94-year-old club member Earl Mather. Mather has 56-years of perfect attendance. He's pictured with his 1922 Mathis.



St. Clair Club Members Receive Golden Key Award



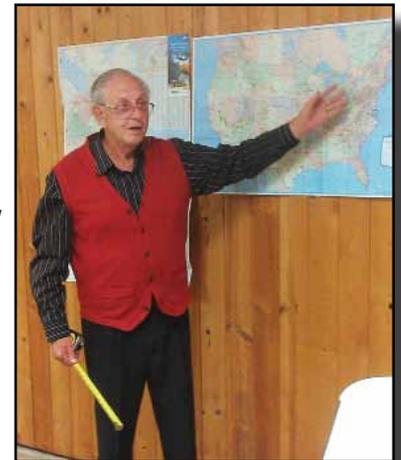
Two members of the **St. Clair** (OH) Ruritan club received the Golden Key Award. Pictured (l-r) are Club Secretary Grace Niemiec, Priscilla Burge, and Patty Morgan. Priscilla has brought in seven members and Patty has brought in three.

Tri-Valley Ruri-Teen Presents \$500 Check

Tri-Valley (OH) Ruri-Teen Club presented a \$500 check to the Dresden Police Department for their new police cruiser. Also, they donated a cake for their annual cake auction. The club also volunteered at the Haunted Trail in Nashport and presented the Muskingum County

Animal Shelter a \$200 check and items to use at the shelter.

National Trail (OH) Ruritan Club member Duane Bell presented a program, "The French Connection," at the club's meeting. He shared information on how the French were involved in the Revolutionary War, the settling in Ohio and New Orleans, and the developing of the metric system. He and club member Willis Rigenbach served food with French origin. Pictured right is Bell giving his presentation.



Washington Participates in Parade



Washington (OH) Ruritan Club participated in the Carnation Day Parade. Pictured on the float in yellow is Club President Kay Zank. In red is Ohio Zone Five Governor Karl Kiener. Club member Larry Sampson drove the tractor.

News From Ruritan: Albemarle District

Activities in the Albemarle District

Rocky Hock (NC) Ruritan Club presented 12 Rudy Bears to the NC Highway Patrol and the Chowan County Sheriff's Department.



John Murray (left) of the **Coinjock** (NC) Ruritan Club is shown presenting \$100 to Vicky Hagemeyer of the Currituck County Public Library to support the Currituck County Digital Library initiative.



2013 National President, the late Dennie Clemmer, is shown presenting **Shawboro**

(NC) Ruritan Club President Sue Laumann a proclamation from the Currituck County Commissioner at the club's 65th anniversary.



Bethel (NC) Ruritan Club held a community picnic. Pictured on the left is Club member Lois Saunders who won first place in the best dessert category.



News From Ruritan: Upper WV District

Fellowsville Charter Members Receive Fifty-Year Pins

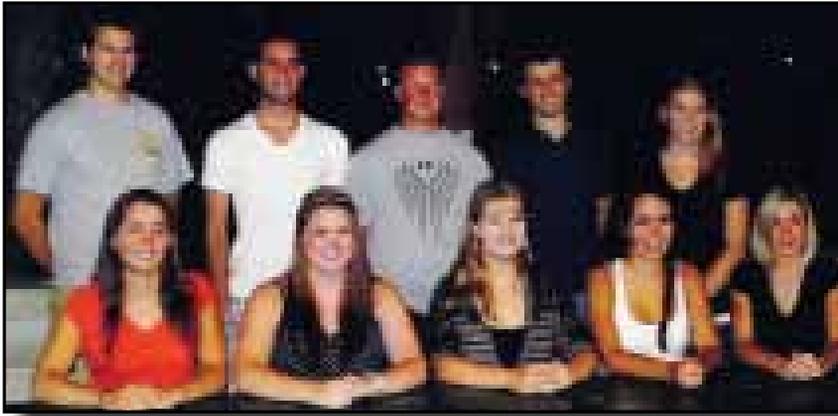
Fellowsville (WV) Ruritan Club celebrated its 50th anniversary with a party. Two charter members, Darwin Wolfe and Terry Hamilton, received their 50-year pins and were pinned by their wives. Pictured (l-r) are Karen Wolfe, Darwin Wolfe, Terry Hamilton, and Betty Hamilton.



The 12th Annual Veterans Appreciation Day was held by the **Fountain** (WV) Ruritan Club. Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 172 presented a program called "The Round Table." A white cloth, single red rose, four place setting, and five hats were placed on the table representing the five branches of service. Slice of lemons were placed on each plate to represent the bitterness and sorrow the families felt when they were told that their loved ones would not be coming home alive. Entertainment was provided by Ron Kuykendall who sang the theme song for each branch of service. Citizenship and Patriotism Co-Chairs Ginny Mason and Evelyn Smith presented a hand-made quilt for a drawing. Pictured (l-r) are Ginny Mason, Winner Reva Shirley, and Evelyn Johnson.



Lewistown and St. Thomas Area Present Scholarships



Lewistown (MD) Ruritan Club awarded over \$6,000 in scholarships to 16 students. The funds for the scholarships were raised at the club's golf tournament. The recipients and their schools are (l-r seated) Sara Baseley, McDaniel College; Shelby Ledger, Indiana University of Pennsylvania; Anna Staley, Frederick Community College; Bailey Rae Wright, Hood College; Marlee Reed, Hagerstown Community College. Pictured (l-r standing) are Troy Matlock, Shepherd University; Garrett Baseley, Capital College; Charles Jenkins, Jr., Mount Saint Mary's College; Craig Nowaczyk, Salisbury State University; and Kayte Lambert, Shepherd University.



St. Thomas Area (PA) Ruritan Club presented \$2,250 in scholarships. Pictured (l-r) are Scholarship Committee Chair Shellie Veritz and member Mariah Danzberger; Amber Thomas, Wilson College; Stuart Ocker, Precision Manufacturing Engineering; Kaitlynn Heebner, Shippensburg University; and Club President Cindy



Robinson.

Lothian (MD) Ruritan Club is shown collecting litter along the highway as a part of their community service activities.

Mt. Pleasant (MD) Ruritan Club Vice President Trevella Foster (pictured below) is shown receiving the President's Golden Key Award from Potomac District Governor Donald Foster for recruiting five new members.



Longaberger with Ruritan National Logo

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Mt. Sidney Names Shelter After Club Member

Mt. Sidney (VA) Ruritan Club honored club member Hunter Fauber by naming the Ruritan Community Park Picnic Shelter the "Hunter B. Fauber Pavilion." Fauber has been a member for 33 years and spends hours assisting with maintenance of the park and pavilion. In 1990, Fauber founded the Verona Food Pantry and operated it out of his garage. Today, the pantry is located at the Augusta County Government Center and has grown to be the largest food pantry in the Shenandoah Valley, serving over 2,000 families per month. Pictured (l-r) are National Director Glen Davis, Alice Fauber, Hunter Fauber, and Club President Reggie Wine.



Stonewall Gains Two New Members



Pictured are Rick and Sue Hoffman, two new members, of the **Stonewall** (VA) Ruritan Club. Standing on the left is Club Secretary James Blagg.

News From Ruritan: Natural Bridge District

Effinger Holds Ice Cream Supper



Effinger (VA) Ruritan Club held its 25th annual Palmer Ice Cream Supper. Club members work for weeks each year to churn fresh ice cream using local peaches and other fruits. Local musical groups performed, and local businesses assisted as well. National Director Chuck Myers attended and helped serve. Myers said, "This is one of the best Ruritan events I've ever attended - great crowd and wonderful atmosphere. It's clear that this club and this event are successfully making a big difference locally. They support their community, and the community supports them right back. My wife and I are coming back next year." This year's event broke all previous records for sales and attendance, hosting over 1,600 people. Pictured (l-r) are Zone 4 Governor Clinton Anderson, Club President Dave Frazier, Zone 1 Governor John F.X. Murphy, Club Director Chris Cartwright, and National Director Chuck Myers.

News From Ruritan: Rockingham District

Luray Honors County Game Warden



Luray (VA) Ruritan Club Environmental Committee Chair Joe Huffman honored Page County Game Warden Ian Ostlund at their meeting in September. Ostlund was named the Rudy Bear Environmentalist of the Year by the club. Ostlund was instrumental in rescuing two people from the raging currents of the Shenandoah River. It was a most terrifying and emotional call that Ostlund had to make; however, he was able to rescue a seven-year-old girl and her uncle. The family of five from Maryland was kayaking on the river when the water level began to rise and the extremely swift currents caused the boat to become

overpowered. The water flow was 18,000 cfs (cubic feet per second).

Ostlund was presented with the Ruritan Rudy Bear Environmentalist Award for his bravery, enthusiasm, and determination while in the line of duty. The award was presented by Club Secretary Irma Housden.

Fulks Run (VA) Ruritan Club memorialize local veterans every year by placing flags on the graves of all known veterans.



News From Ruritan: Rapidan District

Monticello Participates in County Fair



Monticello (VA) Ruritan Club participated in the Albemarle County Fair. Twenty members of the club helped make train barrels for a lawn mower train. Members cut, crafted, painted, and put the Ruritan logo on the side of the barrels. This train will be used to entertain children at different events.

Come Visit the Ruritan National Office

Traveling northbound on Interstate 81, take exit 98, turn left onto Rt. 100 (from southbound Interstate 81 turn right onto Rt. 100). At the second stoplight, turn right onto Rt. 682, cross over Interstate 81 and turn left onto Rt. 662.

Tours can be arranged by calling Debbie Southern at the National Office, toll free at 877-787-8727 ext. 301.

News From Ruritan: Cherokee District

Harrison Donates \$1,000 to Cancer Center

After numerous tests, Harrison Ruritan Club member Pattie Carter was told that she had multiple myeloma, a cancer of the plasma cells. Pattie and family members spent a total of five weeks in the Vanderbilt Ingram Cancer Center in Nashville, TN. She underwent a stem cell transplant procedure and is now free of cancer.



The **Harrison** (TN) Ruritan Club sponsored a benefit to help fund others who might need extended stays. Their Bluegrass event raised \$1000 for the Ingram Cancer Center. First Volunteer Bank collected 250 chemo caps, and club members contributed another 50 caps.

Cherokee Zone 2 Governor Nicki Ramey presented the President's Golden Key and new member bars to Past National Director Kay Pearson, 40-member bar; 2005 National President Jim McKinney, 40-member bar; Club President Barbara Knowles,

35-member bar; and District Governor Don Ramey, a Golden Key. Kay, Jim, and Barbara are in a race to see who will reach 65 members and join fellow club member Jim Holcomb as a Ruritan Forever. Pictured on the front are Janean Heath, Susan Holcomb, Bettye Bozza, Nicki Ramey, Jeannie Drennon, Carolyn Hogan, and Jim McKinney. Pictured on the back are Jerry Rutherford, Glen Jones, Jim Holcomb, Barbara Knowles, Don Ramey, Harold Pearson, and Terry Bohannon.

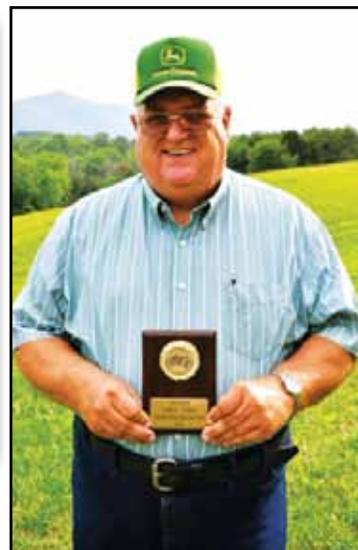
Morrison (TN) Ruritan Club raised \$10,000 at their booth during the Warren County Fair. Pictured are cooks Brenda Anderson, Marvin Anderson, Ashley Freeze, and Corey Reed.



News From Ruritan: New River District



Belmont II (VA) Ruritan Club sold lemonade, beverages, and snacks at Virginia Tech home football games to raise money to support the club's giving throughout the year.



Ruritan Road (VA) Ruritan Club member Bill Southern is pictured with his plaque for winning 1st place in the Class 5 tractor pull of the New River Valley Antique Tractor Club. Bill pulled 4,500 lbs. for 311 feet and 11 inches with his 1954 Model 50 John Deere. The plaques for Class 5 were sponsored by the club.

Holland Clubs Celebrate Anniversaries



Several clubs in the Holland District celebrated their 65th anniversaries. In that each club is different, each celebrated in different and special ways. The **Hickory (VA)** Ruritan Club celebrated in grand style at their clubhouse with a catered dinner, lovely decorations, special guests and spouses, recognition of past presidents, and awards. 1995 National President Frank Guthrie was the master of ceremonies and 2012 National President Phyllis Lewter was the keynote speaker. The strolling strings from Oscar Smith High School provided the entertainment. Pictured (l-r) are 2012 National President Phyllis, Hickory President Carl Whidden, and Holland District Governor Stan Turner.

Hunterdale (VA) Ruritan Club held its dinner and celebration at The Village of Woods Edge, a beautiful setting in Franklin, VA.



Charter and deceased members were recognized. Special presentations including membership awards and anniversary certificates were presented. Denny More, a comedian and magician, provided a most entertaining program. Pictured (l-r) are 60-year member Frank Foster, 51-year member Freeman Harrell, 50-year member Joseph Hutt, 2012 National President



Phyllis Lewter, Holland District Governor Stan Turner, Hunterdale Secretary Murray Turner, and Hunterdale President Robert White.

Isle of Wight (VA) Ruritan Club held its 65th anniversary at their recently refurbished clubhouse. A delicious catered dinner was served to the members, spouses, and zone, district, and national guests. Charter member Frank Dreyry was honored, and Rudy Bears were presented for shipment to the troops in the American Military Mission Christmas boxes. President Elliott Hogge (pictured) brought greetings from Ruritan National.

Creeds (VA) Ruritan Club's anniversary was held along with a fundraising fish fry in their recently dedicated Dick Cockrell Youth Arena. This wonderful facility allowed for a large group of Creeds Ruritans and guests

(from the community, City of Virginia Beach, and the Holland District) to celebrate the anniversary with cake and ice cream while recognizing the Creeds Ruritan Club and its members for their community service. Master of Ceremonies Robin Davenport recognized Charter Member Marvin Etheridge and 50-year member Pete Dozier. Pictured (l-r) are Pete Dozier, Vice President Billy Vaughan, Club President Kevin Newton, and Holland District Governor Stan Turner. Kneeling by Marvin Etheridge is 2012 National President Phyllis Lewter.



News From Ruritan: Holland District continued

Drewyville (VA) Ruritan Club celebrated its chartering 75 years ago. Club President Travis Ramsey shared the club's history to include early projects and fundraisers. The club is most proud of the lighted athletic fields it has maintained for area youth. Many club members played ball on the field, saw their children play on this same field, and now watch their grandchildren's games on this same field.

Thomas Woods (VA) Ruritan Club celebrated its 20th anniversary with a fundraising dinner hosted by the **Isle of Wight (VA)** Club. Zone and district cabinet members were present to offer congratulations and to give special thanks to Tom Sparling, club sponsor and member of the **Carrollton (VA)** and **Possum Hollow (VA)** Ruritan Clubs.

Pictured on the right is **Smithfield (VA)** Ruritan Club President Julie Hopkins being presented a 25-member bar from Club President Vince Jordan.

Burrowsville (VA) Ruritan Club hosted guests and their community for its annual Shrimp Feast. Monies from this fundraiser will support community service projects and assist with the completion of their club/community pavilion. The pavilion will include a new kitchen with commercial appliances. A spring dedication is in the planning stages. Pictured left (center) is Holland District Lt. Governor Stan Mustanski working the serving line.

Waverly (VA) Ruritan Club donated money to the Airfield 4-H Center in Wakefield, VA. Club member Bill Collins (right) is shown presenting the check to Mel Atkinson of the 4-H Center.



Donate Rudy Bears

Continue the project most dear to late President Dennie's heart – the 25th anniversary of Rudy Bear. Donate bears, either at home or for Branson, in memory of President Dennie. You or your club will get a special Rudy



acknowledgement and so will the Clemmer family. Be sure and mark your donation "in memory of President Dennie".

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Paver Program for Capital Replacement

Consider purchasing a brick paver for the Ruritan patio to honor a special person, or in memory of a loved one. The paver program will raise funds to use as capital reserves and make improvements to the Ruritan National Office.

The pavers come in a variety of sizes and price ranges. You can even order a replica as a gift for the honoree. Find the complete paver order form on the Ruritan website at <http://ruritan.org.temp.realssl.com/library/238.pdf>.

Port Royal and Warwick Hold Cookout

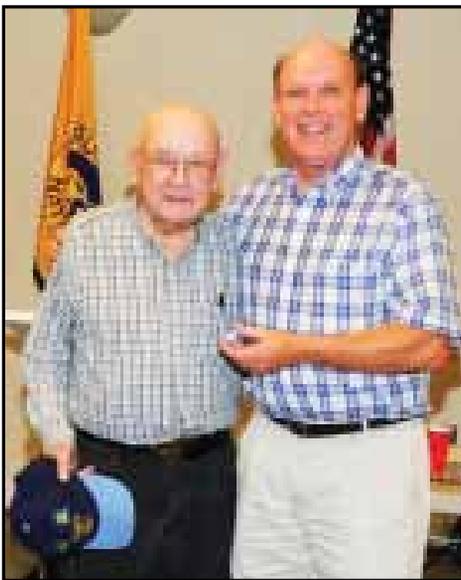


Port Royal (VA) Ruritan Club held its annual mid-summer cookout on the Rappahannock River. Club members and their guests ate and enjoyed fishing, boating, and chatting with friends. Many Ruritans contributed to make the cookout a success by bringing their favorite dishes and desserts. The club would like to thank co-chairs Crystal Pannell and Helmut Linne von Berg. Once again, Helmut provided his famous bratwurst.

Warwick (VA) Ruritan Club held a cookout in August where guests and Baxter, the dog (Warwick's mascot), enjoyed chicken, catfish, all the fixings, and desserts.



Dick Campbell Receives Pin for 60 Years Consecutive Perfect Attendance



King William (VA) Ruritan Club member Gene Campbell presented his father, Eugene L. "Dick" Campbell, with his pin for 60 consecutive years of perfect attendance. Dick has not missed the club's annual fish fry for 60 years and has attended all 35 of the Chesapeake District Crab Feast.



Pictured (l-r) are **Gloucester** (VA) Ruritan Club members David Lipps, Ron Searls, Barbara Bauer, Harold Beddingfield, Paul Bauer, and Rogers Brown building a handicap ramp.

Roper Holds Bike-A-Thon

Every September the **Roper** (NC) Ruritan Club holds a Leukemia and Lymphoma Bike-a-thon. Over the past 30 years, the club has collected over \$167,000. Pictured (l-r) are Jackie Price, Tommy Marriner, Judy Marriner, and Ray Price.



News From Ruritan: Piedmont District

Smith Grove Donates Rudy Bears



The North Carolina Highway Patrol presented a program on highway safety at a **Smith Grove (NC)** Ruritan Club meeting. The club presented the troopers with Rudy Bears. Pictured (l-r) are Troopers Matt Jackson and Andrew Doss, Sgt. Philip Dixson, and Club President Avalon Potts.



Leasburg Donates Dictionaries

This is the fourth year that the **Leasburg (NC)** Ruritan Club has donated dictionaries to third grade students. The club hopes that the dictionaries will help the children with their academics. Pictured are Club President Mary Jane Richmond, Club Vice President Dixie Vernon, Club Secretary and National Director John Berdine, Club Treasurer Wanda Richmond, Club Director Barbara Berdine, and Scholarship Chair Brenda Bender.



News From Ruritan: Middle America District



The October program for the **Pine Hall (NC)** Ruritan Club was retiring of the United States Flag by the members of the local Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW). The club invited Cub Scout Pack 426 for the ceremony. The young scouts, parents, and club members watched the VFW flag retirement and witnessed a 21-gun salute while "Taps" was played.



Cherokee (KS) Ruritan Club and Cherokee American Legion Post 35 honored wounded warriors by having a weekend-long homecoming for the community. The event started on Friday

with a free bean supper and cake walk. A car show, parade, lunch, and tractor pull made Saturday an eventful day. To close Saturday's festivities, a band played for a street dance. On Sunday a dog show, bingo, mini-rod show, and a gospel sing were held. Concessions were manned by the club, and t-shirts were sold throughout the weekend. The event allowed the club and the American Legion to donate \$550 to the Wounded Warrior Project. Pictured (l-r) are Club President Billy Johnson, and American Legion Post 35 Commander Randy Bole.

Activities in Bluegrass and Davy Crockett Districts



Choateville Ruritan Club donated Rudy Bears to the sheriff, police, and fire departments and to the Frankfort Regional Hospital. Pictured (l-r) are Club President Anne Hillard, Rudy Bear (Connie Westmoreland), Sheriff Pat Melton, Frankfort Police Department Travis Curtsinger, and Frankfort Fire Department Steve Clark.

The club also presented a \$1000 scholarship check to Sarah Harrod. Sarah has been a youth member since she was nine years old.

National Director Beverly Tanner presented the **Baldwin** (KY) Ruritan Club with a certificate on their 25th anniversary. Pictured (l-r) are Club Treasurer Ellen Harvey, Club Vice President Nelda Smith, Club President Paula Jones, and National Director Beverly Tanner.

Telford (TN) Ruritan Club presented Rudy Bears to the Tennessee Highway Patrol. Pictured below are Club President Carl Daniels and Highway Patrol Lt. Garrison.

Unicoi (TN) Ruritan Club presented scholarships. Nick Rogers received a Wayne Scott Agricultural Scholarship. He attends Clemson University and majors in agriculture. Jacob Sawyer received a Wayne Scott



Agricultural Scholarship. He attends The University of Tennessee and majors in agriculture. The club funded these scholarships through strawberry preserve and apple butter projects.



Baileyton (TN) Ruritan Club took first place in the Annual Baileyton Celebration Parade. The float depicted the club's community projects over the past 62 years. The theme for the parade was "Back To Our Roots." The club displayed all names of the charter members on the float.



Cedarfield Dedicates Pavilion to Deceased Member



Cedarfield (NJ) Ruritan Club was featured in their local paper for holding a special gathering in September to dedicate their new pavilion, built and constructed in honor of the late Michael Fry. Named Ruritan of the Year in 1998, Mike was a long-term member of the club, holding several offices including club president and secretary, and had 17 years of perfect attendance.

“Mike had a compassion for all, gave much of himself to others, and asked for nothing in return. Mike was given many gifts and he shared his talents with his family, fellow Ruritan members, and his community,” commented Past

District Governor and Club Chaplin Sam Mackert.

Sam Mackert installed Mike as a member of the club 17 years ago and was there to dedicate the pavilion in Mike’s honor. Club President Bobby Stokes was the speaker for the event. “Mike was very active, he would volunteer at everything. He was very active and anything we needed he used his connections and resources to get it done,” commented Stokes.

Fry’s obituary encouraged the community to donate money to the club. After Mike’s death, his wife Selena says she was overwhelmed by the response of the community with donations to allow the club to construct the Mike Fry Pavillion. “Mike really enjoyed being a Ruritan, they were like a second family to us. This dedication is very fitting. It is amazing for me to see the lives Mike touched that I never knew, she stated.”



Harrisonville (NJ) Ruritan Club has provided scholarships to graduating seniors for more than 20 years. The club celebrated its 50th anniversary and presented Joseph J. Tull a check for \$1,000. He read his winning essay to club members and spoke of his future plans. Joseph is pictured with Club President Christopher Downey and Club Secretary/ Scholarship Chair Barbara Cleaves Hurd.

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Kash Donates Rudy Bears

Kash (AL) Ruritan Club President Clinton Ellison and Rudy Bear presented Rudy Bears to the Fabius Volunteer Fire Department.



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- *Establish a placemat to be displayed on tables at all fundraisers and include pertinent information about the club. The templates for placemats, brochures, and newsletters are available online at www.ruritan.org.
- *Circulate the newsletters along with the brochures and business cards around your community, go door to door and promote your club.
- *Wear Ruritan apparel whenever you are doing any type of Ruritan promotion/recruiting.
- *Billboard signs are available to you if you have the space to erect them on your property, or you can rent one. Be sure to ask for the non-profit rates.

KEVIN SPADE (RIGHT) WITH NEW MEMBERS
KRISTEN AND KENNETH CHEN AT THE
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